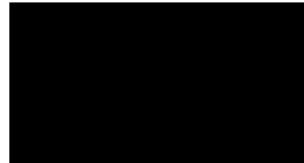


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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW,LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three FOIA(b)(3) these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent FOIA(b)(3) working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

29 March 1943

More Important Reports

(1) In radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet, a message of 26 March from Kujbyshev to Tashkent mentioned a Flight Regiment "Kluson" for the first time.

(2) Reports from Tiflis and Baku to Moscow indicate that new draft calls are taking place in the Caucasus.

(3) The scurvy epidemic in Gurev reported in the daily report of 18 March continues at a threatening degree according to a message of 24 March.

Personnel Situation

Tiflis

(4) The Metal Sales asks for draft exemptions from Moscow for the following workers for 1943:

Metal Depot Tiflis	10 transport workers
Metal Depot Poti	2 chauffeurs
	2 transport workers

(5) The Confectionery Industry lists the following personnel for February:

total	469 men
including: workers	214 men
apprentices	20 "
"ITR"	55 "
employees	58 "
"Mop"	50 "
auxiliary personnel	44 "

(6) The Chief Directorate for Research of Coal Deposits reported to Moscow the following personnel on hand on 2 March:

total	113 men
including: workers for construction	70 "
workers for general building	38 "
arrivals	7 "

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(7) The Metal Sales lists the following personnel:

total	20 men (drafted for military service)
including: management personnel	6
engineers	2
employees	4
workers	6
chauffeurs	2
Listed as draft exempt	5

(8) The Oil Supply in Batum reports to the Chief Directorate for Oil Supply in Moscow that the Military Commissar of Adzharia once again called up 12 men instead of 5, in addition to draft exempt people already called up. There have been no replacements for these people. Exemptions for the remaining workers expire 1 April.

Food Situation

Tiflis

(9) The butter factory is to deliver 216 tons of vegetable oil in April. However, only 130 tons can be produced.

(10) In the period from 1 to 15 March the Tea Industry has to ship 95 cars of tea, including 7 cars of brick tea. The railroad is not making a sufficient number of cars available.

(11) The Mill Combine lists the following inventory for 1 March:

Barley	1,098 tons
Azerbaijani delivered	1,047 tons

(12) The Georgian Tobacco Procurement shipped a total of 21 cars of tobacco to Moscow in March.

(13) According to plan Erivan is to receive the following seeds from Kazakhstan for Armenia:

onions	1 ton
carrots	0.6
red beets	0.5

(14) The Armenian NK for Trade lists the following inventory on 1 March:

cabbage	665 tons
tomatoes	396

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onions	129 tons
root fruit	67
cucumbers	32
other vegetables	50
dried vegetables	9

(15) The Armenian Meat and Dairy Sales requires 50 tons of salt in 1943 for preserving cheese.

(16) The Concentrates Industry in Batum delivered 60 tons of concentrates to the Fleet.

Material Supply

(17) Irkutsk NKRF requires for construction:

nails	4 tons
window glass	400 square meters
wire	1,500 meters
cement	10 tons
Spanish white and varnish	1 1/2 tons

(18) Gorkij River Fleet Supply is to ship 500 kilograms of wire and 30 meters of tin pipe to the Belaya Steamship Agency.

(19) Ufa NKRF will receive 10 tons of tow from the Flax Trust in Kirov.

(20) Kujbyshev NKRF will receive 20 tons of tow.

Metal Supply

(21) Chardzhou NKRF is to ship 100 kilograms of white metal to both Ilijsk NKRF and Rybacha.

Oil Supply

(22) The Directorate for Supplying the Red Army with Fuel authorized 10 tons of gasoline for Stalingrad Harbor.

Chemical SupplyTiflis

(23) The Chief Directorate for Aircraft Supply reports that Plant "Sovpren" cannot produce any karbinol, since acetone is lacking. Consequently, no deliveries were carried out in the first quarter.

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(24) The Chairman of Georgian State Plan requires 1 ton of carbolic acid yearly for the Georgian NK for Truck Transport.

(25) The chemical factory in Kirovakan is to ship 1 car of carbide to the Army Material Depot in Balashikha.

(26) The Copper Vitriol Industry in Alaverdy reports to the Chief Directorate for Wine in Moscow that the copper vitriol factory cannot ship any vitriol, since there is no plan for making railroad cars available for March.

Production

(27) On 13 January Irkutsk NKRF received 20 cutter motors.

(28) A course is being given on the repair of metal ships by the ferro concrete method. Gorkij NKRF is to send engineers to this course.

30 March 1943

More Important Reports

(29) In radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet, the following message was transmitted on 27 March:

"To Moscow, Political Directorate, Domnich (?).

According to Order #087 of 16 March from the Volkhov-Front, you have been promoted to Captain. Shukhman."

Presumably officers of the Red Army are being sent to various offices of the Civil Air Fleet.

Material Supply

(30) The Azerbajdzhan Office for Paper Sales of Central Newspapers illegally seized for its own use 8 cars of newsprint, which were destined for Georgia SSR. The Georgian Central Committee of the Party for Propaganda objected to this.

Erivan

(31) The Paper Combine in Ingur is to ship 2 cars of newsprint for the

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Chief Directorate for Paper Sales.

(32) On 24 March the Chief Directorate for Warehouses received 5,000 square centimeters (?) of leather goods.

(33) The leather factory in Batum requires 1 ton of linseed for production purposes.

Metal Supply

(34) In the second ten days of March the Food Industry delivered 4.2 tons of scrap iron.

(35) The Machine Tool Industry reports:

Saving in January

section steel 0.354 ton

Increased Consumption in January

sheet metal 0.845

steel wire 0.26

rolled pipe 5.81

Increased Consumption in February

section steel 2.859

sheet metal 1.793

wire 0.058

pipe 8.3

copper sheet 0.026

(36) The Metal Sales Office in Baku had to ship 15 tons of sheet metal to Plant "Kirov" by 20 March. For unknown reasons the shipment has been delayed.

(37) The Chief Directorate for Metal Sales in Erivan received 16 tons of imported sheet metal. This was distributed as follows:

Fighting Machine Plant "Dzerzhinskij"	6 tons
NK for Local Industry	10 tons

It is not clear whether the designation of the plant as "Fighting Machine Plant" refers to tanks or planes.

(38) The chemical plant in Kirovakan received 56 tons of roofing sheet in March.

(39) On 22 March the Manganese Trust in Chiaturi shipped 180 tons of manganese ore to the chemical plant in Aktyubinsk, and 60 tons to another plant. 300 tons were shipped on 23 March.

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Production

(40) The Oil Supply in Tiflis is to receive 2 transformers from the Leather Combine in Simferopol and 62 oxygen flasks from the NK for Coal.

(41) The Council of NK's from Kabardino-Balkar requires the authorization of 50 accumulators for repaired trucks.